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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/809,797	Applicant(s) OHKI ET AL.	
	Examiner Marcus Charles	Art Unit 3682	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This is the first action relating to serial application number 10/809,797 filed 03-26-2004.

Claims 1-24 are current pending.

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

2. The examiner has accepted the drawing filed with this application as formal drawing.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-4, 11, 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawashima et al. (4,867,649) in view of Ohki (US 2003/0123769). Kawashima et al. disclose the claimed invention, including a compressor component (25) incorporated into a compressor having a compressor body (28) and a pulley mechanism (not labeled). Kawashima et al. fail to disclose the pulley mechanism component having a austenite grain with a grain size number failing within a range exceeding 10, a fracture value of at least 2650 MPa and a fracture of at most 0.5ppm. Ohki discloses a compressor bearing having a austenite grain of grain size exceeding 10, a stress

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fracture value of at least 2659=0 MPA and a hydrogen compound of at most 0.5ppm (paragraphs [0031-0039) in order to increase fatigue life, increase anti crack strength and increase life at high temperature. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the bearing of Kawashima et al. so that it includes the limitation of Ohki in order in order to increase fatigue life, increase anti crack strength and increase life at high temperature.

In claims 5, 12-13 and 19, note the swash plate (12) support bearing (25) supporting the swash-plate.

In claim 6, 15 and 20, note the bearing (25) is a needle roller thrust bearing.

In claims 7-8 and 14, note the pulley support bearing (95/47) which is needle bearing.

In claims 9-10), note the bearing (95/47) is a shaft support bearing.

In claims 16-17, the claimed invention in disclosed above.

In claims 18-24, Kawashima et al. (4,867,649) in view of Ohki clearly disclose the claim invention above.

Conclusion


5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hashimura et al. (US 2003/0201036) disclose an austenite grain size exceeding number 10. Fukai (6,056,514) Sugiura et al. (6,280,151) and Ban et al. (6,247,899) disclose a compressor. Tajima et al. (US 2001/00152241) disclose a bearing having an austenite grain size greater than 5. Takemura et al. (6,224,688)

disclose a rolling bearing containing austenite grain size exceeding 10. Murakami et al. discloses a component a hydrogen content of no more than 0.5 ppm.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marcus Charles whose telephone number is (571) 272-7101. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ridley Richard can be reached on (571) 272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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